



Environmental Quality Criteria #2

Have a school wide recycling program.



Definition: Contact your county recycling center and let them know you will be starting a recycling program; many of these centers will sponsor you and your school in a year round recycling program. They may be able to assist by providing you with the materials necessary, or pick up methods to help your school to get started.

Resources:

Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality
Office of Planning and Public Affairs

<http://www.deq.utah.gov>

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To locate the recycling center nearest you, visit

<http://www.utahrecycles.org/recyclingguide.php>

Fun Facts About Recycling

<http://www.resourcefulschools.org/html/facts.html>

EPA Kids Club

<http://www.epa.gov/kids/garbage.htm>

EPA Interactive Recycle City

<http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/>

Assignments

School Coordinator Assignments

- Using the utahrecycles.org web page, find your county recycling center
- Decide what your school wants to recycle
- Promote the year-round recycling program to faculty, staff, and students
- Explain to everyone the importance of recycling
- Place the recycle bins in visible areas throughout the school
 - Many of the recycling centers will provide you with recycling bins
- Contact local recycling facility to set up a pick up date

Environmental Quality #2 Ideas

- Get the whole school involved by presenting this topic at a school assembly
- Tell students the importance of recycling
 - If each person in the U.S. recycled just 1/10 of their newsprint, we would save the estimated equivalent of about 25 million trees a year. That's a lot of trees!
- Contact utahrecycles.org and ask them to list your school as a recycling place, so others in the community may know
- Partner with the local Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop in recycling
- Order the book *Gumfounded* by Sherry B. Garr from www.gumfounded.com
 - Read the book to students as an introduction to talking about garbage and recycling
 - Participate in the activities that can be found on the website
 - Have the students make the Tia's Recycling Club promise
<http://www.gumfounded.com/games/coloring6.pdf>